

## REA Approves New Rural Power Lines; Three Counties Will Get 145 Mile Project

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Oct. 1.—A huge local rural electrification project involving 144.8 miles of rural electric lines in Covington, Crenshaw and Coffee Counties at a cost of \$149,500.00 was approved this week by Gordon Persons, chairman of the State Rural Electrification Authority at Montgomery.

The application for the proposed lines was submitted to Washington in the name of the Covington-Crenshaw-Coffee County Power Association, Inc. Mr. Persons stated that its cost will involve more than twice as much money as any yet submitted with the exception of one in Montgomery, Elberta and Autauga Counties.

The proposed line will serve approximately 360 families, whose consumption of electricity per year is estimated at nearly three quarters of a million kilowatt hours. In addition, the customers along these 145 miles have indicated to the engineering staff of the State Authority that they will purchase over \$100,000.00 worth of electrical appliances, such as iron, toasters, washing machines, water pumps, etc., during the next year.

The project, following the completion of the line, is estimated by the State Authority that work can begin on the line within one week after it is approved in Washington and can be completed within a five or six months period.

The entire Covington, Crenshaw and Coffee County power lines will be divided into 19 different units. In the Covington, Crenshaw and Coffee County project is the second largest project to be approved by the State Authority, the others being a \$75,000.00 project in Lee, Macon, Chambers and Russell Counties, a \$65,000.00 project in Clarke and Washington Counties, and a \$158,000.00 project in Montgomery, Elmore and Autauga Counties. Mr. Persons estimates that his organization will now approve projects amounting to at least a half million dollars per month and that all possible good work in this country will be put to rest in studying individual projects from various counties. The hope was expressed by Mr. Persons that his organization will have hereafter application for electric service with the Authority would not be more impatient as he pointed out, Alabama is a big State and all the projects are being studied in the order in which they were received.

The State REA is an organization created by the Legislature of Alabama for the purpose of operating with the Federal Government in bringing electricity to those rural districts now without it. The cooperative group formed in each case is also in accordance with an Act of the Legislature. Both acts were among the "New Deal" bills passed last February at the request of President Roosevelt and Governor Graves.

### NEW WELFARE DIRECTOR ASSUMES DUTIES IN ELBA

Mrs. Kate Esten of Ozark has been elected director of the Department of Public Welfare in Coffee County and entered upon the duties of the office Monday.

Mrs. Esten has had several years experience in welfare work and has been recommended by the board of directors to the position. She will enter into the new position with a clean slate and will be expected to bring to the position the same efficiency and ability. This work, which has for some time now been under the direction of the Relief Administration, is composed of different lines, and we have not yet had a complete outline of the new welfare department in the county house in the office formerly used by the health department.

### RESETTLEMENT HEAD

L. E. Ford, Birmingham, has been made regional construction superintendent for the rural resettlement division of the State Administration. It was announced Tuesday.

Ford was formerly manager of the Coffee County resettlement project.—Alabama Journal.

Miss Sara Frazer of LaFayette, who has been the guest of her sister, Mrs. W. M. Ringford, returned to her home Monday.

the corporation will be handled by the State Rural Electrification Authority, which will also supervise the construction of all lines. The retail rates of the corporation will be set by the Board of Directors in accordance with the advice and suggestions from the State Authority. Gordon Persons, chairman of the Authority in Montgomery, pointed out that under President Roosevelt's plans all these power lines will be owned and operated by the farmers themselves and not by a private utility. From time to time, Mr. Persons stated, as the money is repaid to the Government and the loan is reduced, the Board of Directors of the local association will reduce the electric rates accordingly.

Electric power used by the Covington-Crenshaw-Coffee County Power Association will be purchased at wholesale rates from the nearest existing source of power, which in this case will mainly be the Alabama Water Service Company, with headquarters at Andalusia.

In reply to the wiring of small homes, Mr. Persons stated that it could be done for as little as \$25.00 or \$30.00. The larger homes, of course, could run the cost as high as \$100.00, depending on the size of elaborate fixtures, etc.

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### MR. SEAY ELECTED TO HEAD YOUNG PEOPLE'S DIVISION

At a recent business meeting the Young People's Division of the Methodist Church, elected as their Adult Counselor, Mr. W. Seay, instructor in Elba High School, their first counsel meeting of the new year was held at the church Tuesday night, at which elaborate plans were laid for the work which is expected to create a renewed interest in the young people's activities.

Mr. Seay is especially adapted to the work of the young people's division and has brought new ideas and thoughts to the local division. One of the major questions brought before the Tuesday night meeting was concerning the Sunday night program. A plan was adopted to open each Sunday evening program with a social period, serving some kind of light refreshment, the entertainment to follow. The cooperative group formed in each case is also in accordance with an Act of the Legislature. Both acts were among the "New Deal" bills passed last February at the request of President Roosevelt and Governor Graves.

It is expected that the young people of the Methodist Church will enter into the new program of work with a determination to better their past records. All former members are especially urged to attend the meeting Sunday night and bring any new members who might wish to join. A membership drive has been launched, with the expectation of the membership more than doubling itself in the next week or two.

### NEW REGISTRARS NAMED TO SERVE FOR COFFEE COUNTY

A new board of registrars for Coffee County was named last Saturday by the appointive board of registrars. The new board, composed of the Governor, the State Auditor and the Commissioner of Agriculture, will have a new member named to the board, two of the former members being retained.

The board will be composed of the following members: P. H. Traxler, of Elba, chairman, Charles Goodson of New Brockton and H. C. Stephenson of Enterprise. Mr. Goodson is the new member named to the board. All will hold office for a term of four years.

### MR. PARRISH PASSES AFTER LONG ILLNESS

Mr. P. M. (Matt) Parrish, former Coffee County citizen, but for the past several years a resident of Orlando, Fla., passed away at the home of his daughter, Mrs. P. B. Taylor, near Elba, last Wednesday, September 26th. He had been ill for about two years.

Mr. Parrish lacked only three days being 64 years of age, having been born on September 28, 1871. He was well known throughout this section of the county and many friends were deeply grieved to learn of his death.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Julia Parrish; one son, Dallas Parrish, of Orlando, Fla.; three daughters, Mrs. P. B. Taylor of Elba, Mrs. N. A. Prescott and Mrs. J. L. Kelley, both of Orlando.

Elder Jack Mitchell conducted the funeral services at Danley's Cross Roads on Thursday morning, and the body was laid to rest in the cemetery at that place. Bonneau-Jeter Funeral Home had charge of arrangements.

Messrs. P. H. Crigler, E. W. Seay, M. M. Whitcomb, Charles Hayes, Leroy Miller and Joe Crook were among Elbians who attended the Auburn-Birmingham-Southern football game in Montgomery last Friday night.

# THE ELBA CLIPPER

ELBA, ALABAMA, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3, 1935

## FRED SHAW, YOUNG FLORIDIAN, KILLED TUESDAY WHEN TRUCK SOMERSAULTS NEAR FAIRVIEW

Fred Shaw, young white man of Portland, Fla., was instantly killed and his companion, John Brown, badly injured when their truck wrecked on the Elba-Sumner highway Tuesday afternoon.

The accident occurred at Fairview school house in the Southern part of the county. The cause of the accident has not been ascertained. It was stated that the truck, a one-ton Chevrolet model, was traveling at high speed and when it struck the deep sand rut just south of the school house, it made a complete end-over-end somersault.

The two young men were caught under the cab and when rescuers reached the scene and extricated them it was found that Shaw was dead. He sustained severe bruises and badly bruised and shaken up and it was also thought that he had internal injuries. Brown was taken to the Elba hospital and was unconscious for some time. A physician summoned for him stated that his injuries did not seem to be serious and later he was removed to his home in Portland.

The young men, so it was said, were employed by a concern at Portland and had been in this section with a load of fish. They had disposed of their load and were returning to their home when the accident occurred. They were traveling in the direction of Sumner, but after the wreck their machine was headed toward Elba, with all four wheels in the air. The cab was almost completely demolished, but other parts of the truck did not seem to be badly damaged, according to reports.

The body of young Shaw was brought to Elba in a Bonneau-Jeter ambulance, and later was called for by an undertaker from the Elba Springs, Fla., and the body was taken to the Elba hospital. It was reported on the streets Wednesday morning that the young man had died; however, these reports could not be verified at the time of going to press.

believe he has a good chance to do it. Auburn has a well-balanced team this year, but it also has a "suicidal" schedule, playing the strongest teams in the South week after week. Such playing makes it exceedingly difficult for even a super team to consistently show in the win column.

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## Bankhead Asks Patience From AAA Critics; Says Laws Can Yet Be Bettered

By ATTICUS MILLIN  
In Montgomery Advertiser  
United States Senator John H. Bankhead is not one of those staid men who think either the AAA or the Bankhead act is reached perfection but he is of the opinion that the two together have made vast increases in the annual income of the farmers of the United States.

"I realize that we have not reached perfection in our efforts," said Senator Bankhead in discussing the AAA and the Bankhead act. "Things have been done, perhaps that should not have been done and other things have been left undone that should have been done. It is very easy to find flaws in man-made legislation, particularly when it affects so large and diversified a group as may be marshaled under the banner of agriculture. But we must remember that our greatest achievements have been perfected through developments that involved an untold number of trials and errors. We have but to look around us at our stream lined trains, our high-powered automobiles and our three mile a minute airplanes and realize that it is absolutely necessary to adopt a long-time viewpoint in dealing with farm problems. We have spent too many years watching the economic no-tion of the farmer hypothetically rise and fall. The programs inaugurated with the agricultural adjustment act should appeal to the judgment and hearts of all good men and women who are anxious to help the farmer get fair prices for his products."

Senator Bankhead points out that the AAA has made great strides in reducing farm surpluses. "The agricultural adjustment administration has made remarkable strides toward its main goal, that of eliminating the tremendous farm surpluses that have served to depress farm economy. Since the cotton program went into effect the world carry-over of American cotton has been reduced from 1,500,000 bales to 8,500,000 bales. At the same time the farm value of the cotton crop has increased from \$448,000,000 in 1932-1933 to more than \$570,000,000, including rental and benefit payments in 1934-35."

The views of Senator Bankhead come at the time when industrialists of the East and North are striving with might and main to break down the agricultural adjustment act and other farm acts inhibiting the Bankhead cotton act. Senator Bankhead does not claim that either act is perfect but he believes that amendments to the acts should come from the friends of the farmer rather than from his traditional enemies.

While Senator Bankhead was giving his views on the value of the federal farm acts to the farmers of the nation, Cully A. Cobb, director of the cotton division of the United States Department of Agriculture at Washington, was pointing out some of the reasons why some handlers and exporters of cotton are trying in every possible way to break down the control act. Along this line he says: "It is probably true that the years of the largest cotton exports have meant the years of the largest profits to the handlers of cotton in general and the exporters of cotton in particular. The exporter ordinarily handles a bale of cotton on a fixed margin. A child can see that the exporter's interest, so far as his own particular business is concerned, is in volume. It is true that the reduction in the number of bales of cotton has adversely affected the business of cotton exporters and their cotton handlers. It is true that this in turn has caused some unemployment, perhaps, but does it follow that the farmer is duty bound to support individuals and institutions beyond him and be ground down by the very dirt to do it?"


According to the report of Jesse L. Hildreth, special agent in charge of the cotton division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the work covers 11 counties and more than 24 projects in these counties. Some of them, such as "county roads and bridges" are divided into groups working in different parts of each county. State headquarters is located in Montgomery.

ERIS PAUL, ELBA, ELECTED PRESIDENT OF LAW CLASS  
The many friends of Eris Paul will be glad to learn that he has been chosen president of the Junior law class at the University of Alabama in the annual class elections held last week. Alto Lee of Columbia was elected a member of the honor court.

Peyton Williams of Clio was elected president of the senior class in the arts and science school and Don Plummer, Andalusia, president of the sophomore class. Alton Deacock of New Brockton was chosen secretary of the sophomore chemistry class.

Rev. B. I. Hugen of New Brockton was a business visitor to Elba Tuesday morning.

**Dorsey Sez:**



When one of our town ladies reminded hubby that he never brought her any candy any more, like he used to do, he told her that he never knew of a fisherman catching the fish bait after he caught them? Anyhow, we are "fishing" for the opportunity to show you that we have the equipment and we "how" that enables us to do auto repairing that makes repeaters and boosters.

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